

HOUSE BILL 2105
By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to prescription drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

By no later than June 30, 2006, the bureau of TennCare shall contract with an entity in the state to implement a wireless handheld clinical pharmacology drug information database for practitioners. The drug information database initiative shall be designed to enhance the bureau's efforts to reduce fraud, abuse, and errors in the TennCare prescription drug program and to otherwise further the intent of this part by providing practitioners with greater access to current and accurate information about TennCare prescription drug benefits. If necessary, the bureau of TennCare is authorized to seek a research and demonstration waiver under Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act from the United States department of health and human services to implement the requirements of this section, subject to funding by the general assembly and the terms and conditions imposed by the waiver.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.